MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY, STATEMENT ON
ALCOHOL TAX FUNDING DEDICATION

ANNAPOLIS, January 24, 2012 - In response to the O’Malley Administration
announcement that the revenues from the recent increase in the alcohol tax will be
dedicated to health care and public health programs, Gene Ransom, CEO, of MedChi
expressed extreme support for this use of the funds. Mr. Ransom explained “MedChi
strongly supports increasing funding for public health programs that improve Medicaid,
mental health and Maryland’s public health infrastructure. “ MedChi hosted an
announcement at their Annapolis office with Health Secretary Josh Sharfstein, M.D., and
the Lorraine Sheehan Coalition today to celebrate the funding news.

Mr. Ransom noted some of the funds will be used to support several key MedChi
priorities including, but not limited to, allowing Medicaid to support full participation by
physicians in the patient-centered medical home pilot and funding to support an
innovative pilot approach to reducing health disparities through community-based
expansions of care and services. “These projects have the potential to transform the
delivery system and increase access to high quality health care” explained Mr. Ransom.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of
Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of
MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their
patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit
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